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SUBJECT: FRENCH PROBE ON UPGRADING OF FRANCO-
CZECHOSLOVAK RELATIONS

1. MFA SOURCE TELLS US THAT THE FRANCO-CZECHOSLOVAK
MIXED COMMISSION MEETING JUNE 9 MAY BE MORE IMPORTANT
THAN MEETS THE EYE. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE,
THE FRENCH DELEGATION, HEADED BY MFA SECRETARY OF
STATE OLIVIER STIRN, WILL TELL THE CZECHOSLOVAKS
THAT FRANCE HAS NO DESIRE TO PURSUE A TWO-TIER OR
THREE-TIER POLICY IN EASTERN EUROPE, RELEGATING
PRAGUE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE LIST. ON THE CONTRARY,
FRANCE IS PREPARED FOR A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH
CZECHOSLOVAKIA BUT IN EXCHANGE WOULD EXPECT LESS
HEAT FROM PRAGUE ON FRENCH POLICY IN AFRICA AND
ELSEWHERE.

2. IF THOSE ARE THE TERMS OF THE TRADEOFF, IT
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SOUNDS TO US A LITTLE NAIVE FROM THE FRENCH POINT
OF VIEW. WE WILL FOLLOW UP ON THE DELEGATION'S
RETURN TO SEE IF THE FRENCH GO ANYWHERE.
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